Irregularities in Nepa Limited

1288. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the allegation against the Director of Finance and Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Nepa Mills;

(b) the result of the enquiry made in this connection; and

(c) the action taken to ensure fair enquiry by transferring the officials or placing them under suspension?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Allegations were received against Director (Finance), Nepa Limited from Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of the Company for violation of certain provisions of Conduct, Discipline and Appeal (CDA) Rules of Nepa Limited. Shri K.C. Gupta also made some allegations against CMD, Nepa Mills for violation of some provisions of CDA Rules of Nepa Ltd.

(b) Two man committee consisting of one Director and one Deputy Secretary was constituted to enquire into allegations against both these officers. The enquiry reports have been received and are under process.

(c) Orders were issued on 14.09.1998 for suspension of Shri K.C. Gupta, Director (Finance) of Nepa Limited.

Ban on Manufacture of diesel vehicles

1289. SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration the question of banning or strictly regulating the manufacture of diesel cars, in view of the environment hazards diesel vehicles present in the metropolies, in particular;

(b) if so, what decision, if any, has been taken in the matter; and

(c) the details of manufacturing licences for diesel cars under operation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) The Government in the Ministry of Industry has no proposal under consideration on the question of baning or strictly regulating the manufacture of diesel cars, even in metropolies. However, for controlling vehicular pollution, progressive emission norms at the manufacturing stage have been notified; cleaner fuels like unleaded petrol, low sulphur diesel and Compressed Natural Gas (GNG) are also being gradually introduced.

(c) Manufacture of passenger car is delicensed; as such, manufacturers have only to file an Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum (IEM). No distinction is made between cars based on diesel or petrol. During the period from 1.1.96 to 31.12.1998, 16 IEMs have been filed for the manufacture of motor cars as per details given in the enclosed Statement.-I A total of 17 proposals for setting up of joint ventures/wholly owned subsidiaries by foreign companies have also been approved as per details given in enclosed Statement-II.